

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 20-29 are pending. Claim 1 is amended, and claim 29 is added herein. No new matter is added.

112 Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 20-28

Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 20-28 are rejected over 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. According to the Office Action, the prior claims lacked clarity in that the implication of the claim language was that the membrane surrounds the active surface completely, whereas Figure 2 illustrates the presence of a coiled wire at one end.

To address the rejection, claim 1 has been amended herein to recite the presence of one or more cavity along the electrochemically active surface. Support for such a recitation may be found in the specification at page 2, lines 23-27 and Figures 1 and 2. New claim 29 is similarly supported.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6-9, and 20-28 are in condition for allowance, and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2844. Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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